

Minutes
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
December 20, 2012

Voting Members

- Judge James Fleetwood Judge Jennifer Jones Judge Warren Wilbert
 Sheriff Jeff Easter Chief Norman Williams District Attorney Nola Foulston
 Commissioner Karl Peterjohn Commissioner Dave Unruh
 City Councilmember Lavonta Williams Sharon Dickgrafe
 Bill Buchanan Mark Masterson Steve Osburn Marilyn Cook
 Chad VonAhnen Keith Thomas

Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance

- Judge Clark Owens* Judge Ben Burgess* Ann Swegle*
 Kerrie Platt* Jason Scheck* Gail Villalovos* Marc Bennett
 Col. Richard Powell Major Glenn Kurtz Chief John Daily
 Karen Powell Larry Bragg Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland
 Dr. Jodie Beeson Melinda Wilson Marv Duncan
 Lorien Showalter Richard Vogt Roger Taylor Tom Struble
 Mary Kay Craig Stephen Owens Chris Fisher John Todd
 Janice Bradley Mike Shatz Mary Dean

* Voting designee

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Ann Swegle moved and Marilyn Cook seconded to approve the minutes of November 29, 2012 as written. The motion passed.

New Business

Criminal Justice System Population Discussion

Bill Buchanan discussed the Average Length of Stay numbers and how in the last few months these averages had been creeping up and that this should be looked at, especially because the overall jail population has been down. Colonel Richard Powell noted that the population in the jail that morning was only 1313 with 166 housed out of county. Richard Vogt stated that the pre-trial numbers had been down overall and that pre-trial on average had a slightly lower length of stay than commitments, which would give more weight to commitments and that might be part of the change. Judge Fleetwood discussed the fact that overall criminal filings have decreased as well and that this would also have an effect. Richard Vogt stated that he could look into the length of stay specific to pre-trial and answer these questions at the next meeting.

Review of Mission/Purpose of CJCC

Judge Fleetwood noted that the essential mission of the CJCC at its creation was reducing the jail population while maintaining public safety and asked whether there were other matters the CJCC wanted to take into consideration. Chad VonAhnen noted that one thing that had been brought up at the last meeting was evaluating the juvenile population and that he was not sure how it might be brought into this group but rising numbers in that system may potentially have an impact on the jail population. Mark Masterson stated that he could provide numbers on the juvenile justice system and that these numbers could be added into the presentation the Manager gives to the BOCC each month but that there is a group as large as the CJCC that meets each month to review the numbers, sanctions and alternatives. That group just received an evaluation of all the programs from Wichita State that are all public numbers and are available for everyone to look at. Mark Masterson also stated that there is not a very heavy direct effect on the jail population but that the juvenile jurisdiction goes up to age 23 and that people who are over 18 come out of the correctional facilities and are housed in the jail as well as those with motions to treat juveniles as adults, but that this number only constitutes about 20-30 people.

Judge Fleetwood also asked if there were any new programs going on at Judge Riddel Boys Ranch that would be of interest to the CJCC. Mark Masterson discussed that there had been an increased number of youth that are on probation in the community being ordered into the facility to serve a sanction that could be up to 28 days per violation and that they did a study on that group to find an alternative that could be used. A non-residential weekend program was instituted that runs from 9am to 4pm on the weekends and involves cognitive behavioral programs and has been proven to be a successful low-cost alternative that has helped to reduce the length of stay. Approximately 180 youths this year have gone through that program. Judge Fleetwood asked if this program could be considered as a possibility for that group of juveniles between ages 18-23 and how this could be determined. Marc Bennett noted that the violations in the adult population are often for drugs and alcohol and that the programming would need to be changed in order to work for an older population and that surveying judges, ISOs, CSOs and community corrections workers should be considered. Richard Vogt stated that he could run a report on the data to see the characteristics of this population.

Designation of CJCC Committee Membership

Karen Powell discussed that the CJCC was subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA), which requires some formalities and that she

recommended that the membership of the official subcommittees of the CJCC be voted on and determined for the record. This would add some clarity to the subcommittees and determine when KOMA would apply. Karen Powell also recommended that the number of voting members in the subcommittees be kept to a small number, such as five voting members each in order to keep a small quorum. Chad VonAhnen noted that it would be more difficult to define membership for the subcommittees because all of them did not meet regularly but that having a core of five voting members, possibly designated by position, would allow for them to meet when necessary and still allow others to attend and be involved. It was decided that the information for the voting members of each subcommittee would be brought to the January meeting for adoption.

A question was asked by Mike Shatz at the November meeting about the possibility of videotaping the CJCC meetings and Karen Powell noted that this was allowed as long as the meeting was not disrupted.

Justice Reinvestment Group Update

Jason Scheck brought a copy of the Kansas Justice Reinvestment Draft Policy Options that came out of the Justice Reinvestment Group. At the December 7th meeting the Council of State Government Consultants shared the draft recommendations that are from the justice center and the final version is due out in late January. They are looking for ways to decrease the growth rate of the prison system and shift some of those resources to effective community based option such as treatment and supervision. Three main areas were discussed in the draft policies: strengthening probation supervision, successful reentry and safer communities with all of the options being evidence based. Cost estimates had not been prepared but a ballpark estimate of \$4 million being shifted away from housing fees to community programming was noted. Once the final report is released Jason Scheck will share that with the group as well as forwarding the PowerPoint and consultant information to the CJCC members for review.

Discussion of CJCC Direction in 2013

Judge Fleetwood asked members for their thoughts on points that the CJCC might want to expand their consideration to in 2013. Commissioner Peterjohn brought up good time credit, which continues to be an issue he would like to follow up on. Judge Fleetwood noted that it would primarily be a legislative issue because it focused on crimes that are felonies and housed locally where good time credit is not available locally and the Sheriff has no discretion on this issue. Commissioner

Peterjohn stated that the issue was how to have fair and appropriate treatment of everyone in the system.

Marilyn Cook noted three initiatives that were going on that the CJCC may want to keep an eye on in 2013: the City of Wichita received a planning grant to look at the possibility of developing a Veteran's Court; the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is being established at the City of Wichita; and a \$21,000 planning grant for the Community Crisis Center was received.

Other

Keith Thomas asked if the CJCC was going to do anything to recognize Sheriff Hinshaw for his participation on the CJCC. Karen Powell stated that she could draw up a formal resolution thanking him for his service and submit it to Judge Fleetwood for his signature.

Janice Bradley noted that on Saturday January 12th at 2:00pm a film entitled The House I Live In, about the failed drug war, will be showing at the Murdock Theater as part of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event and that she would send the information on to be sent out to the group.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Lorien Showalter.